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The LEP experiments took data between August 1989 and November 2000 at center-of-mass energies first around the Z resonance (LEP-1) and later up to 209 GeV (LEP-2). In 2000 most data was taken around 206 GeV. The LEP accelerator operated very successfully and a total luminosity of  $\mathcal{L} = 2461 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  was accumulated at LEP-2 energies. Data-taking ended on 3 November 2000, although some data excess was observed in searches for the SM Higgs boson with 115 GeV mass. In this report several different research lines are addressed beyond the SM: 1) coupling limits; 2) the Minimal Supersymmetric extension of the SM (MSSM): dedicated searches, three-neutral-Higgs-boson hypothesis, benchmark and general scan mass limits; 3) CP-violating models; 4) invisible Higgs boson decays; 5) neutral Higgs bosons in the general two-doublet Higgs model; 6) Yukawa Higgs boson processes bbh and bbA; 7) singly-charged Higgs bosons; 8) doubly-charged Higgs bosons; 9) fermiophobic Higgs boson decays  $h \rightarrow WW, ZZ, \gamma\gamma$ ; 10) uniform and stealthy Higgs boson scenarios.

While the results from Standard Model Higgs boson searches are final [1], the results of searches in extended models are mostly preliminary [2]. Limits are given at 95% CL. Full-size figures of this report are available from Ref. [3].

### 1 Coupling Limits

Figure 1 shows coupling limits assuming the Higgs boson decays with SM branching fractions and a SM production rate reduced by  $\xi^2 = (g_{HZZ}/g_{HZZ}^{\text{SM}})^2$ . In addition, coupling limits are presented for b-quark and  $\tau$ -lepton decay modes. Remarkably, mass limits for flavor-blind hadronic decays are close to the SM decay mode limits.

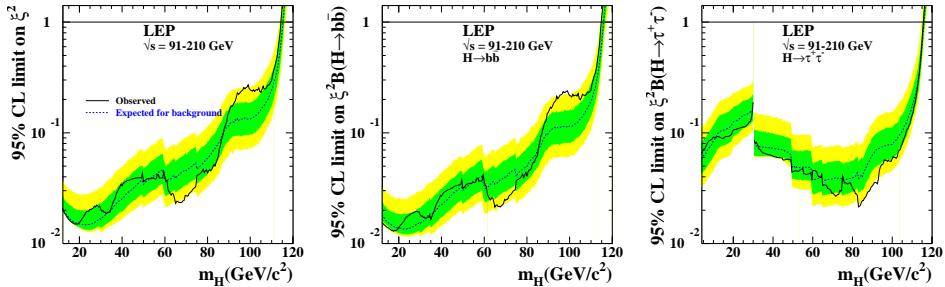


Figure 1. Coupling limits. Left: SM decay mode. Center: b-quark decay mode. Right:  $\tau$ -lepton decay mode. The  $1\sigma$  and  $2\sigma$  error bands on the expected limit for background are indicated (shaded areas).

## 2 Minimal Supersymmetric Extension of the SM (MSSM)

### 2.1 Benchmark Limits and Dedicated Low $m_A$ and $h \rightarrow AA$ Searches

Figure 2 shows a small previously unexcluded mass region for light A masses in the no-mixing scalar top benchmark scenario. This region is mostly excluded by new dedicated searches for a light A boson (center plot). Limits for the maximum h-mass benchmark scenario, including results from dedicated searches for the reaction  $h \rightarrow AA$  are also shown (right plot).

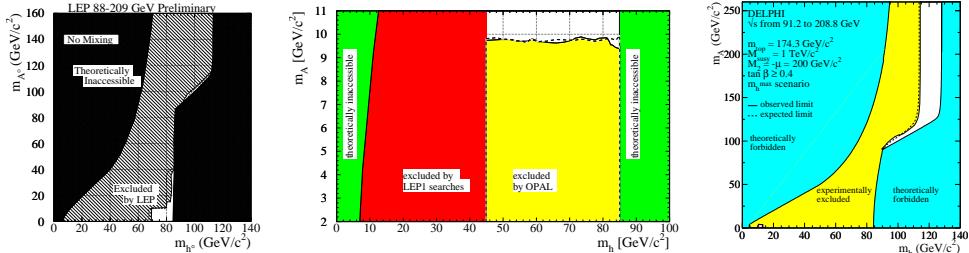


Figure 2. MSSM. Left: unexcluded mass region for a light A boson in the no-mixing scalar top benchmark scenario. Center: excluded mass region by dedicated searches for a light A boson. Right: mass limits in the maximum h-mass benchmark scenario.

### 2.2 Three-Neutral-Higgs-Boson Hypothesis and a MSSM Parameter Scan

The hypothesis of three-neutral-Higgs-boson production, via  $hZ$ ,  $HZ$  and  $hA$  is compatible with the data excess seen in Fig. 3. For the reported MSSM parameters [4] reduced  $hZ$  production near 100 GeV and  $HZ$  production near 115 GeV is compatible with the data (left plot). For  $m_h \approx m_A$ ,  $hA$  production is also compatible with the data (center plot). The parameters have been obtained from a general MSSM parameter scan. Mass limits from this scan are also shown (right plot).

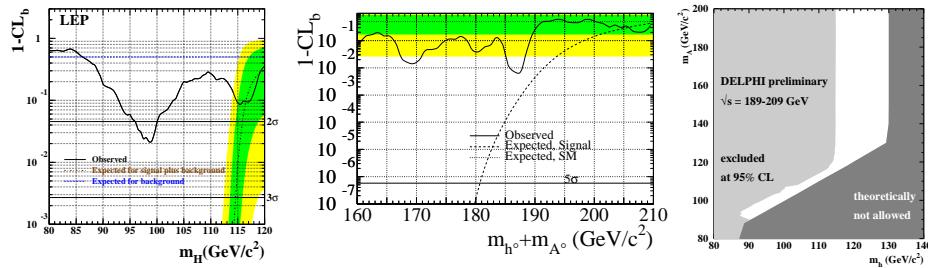


Figure 3. MSSM. Left: small data excess at 99 GeV and 116 GeV in  $hZ/HZ$  searches. Center: small data excess at  $m_h + m_A = 187$  GeV in  $hA$  searches.  $1 - CL_b$  expresses the incompatibility of the observation with the background-only hypothesis. Right: mass limits from a general MSSM parameter scan.

### 2.3 Large Effect from Increased Top-Quark Mass

The increase of the measured top quark mass by about 4 GeV has a large effect on the Higgs boson mass and reduces significantly the previous limits on  $\tan\beta$ .

## 3 CP-Violating Models

Instead of  $h$ ,  $H$  and  $A$ , the Higgs bosons are named  $H_1$ ,  $H_2$  and  $H_3$ . The reactions  $e^+e^- \rightarrow H_2 Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}\nu\bar{\nu}$  and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow H_2 Z \rightarrow H_1 H_1 Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}\nu\bar{\nu}$  are searched for. No indication of these processes is observed in the data as shown in Fig. 4. In general, CP-mixing reduces the MSSM mass limits significantly (center and right plots).

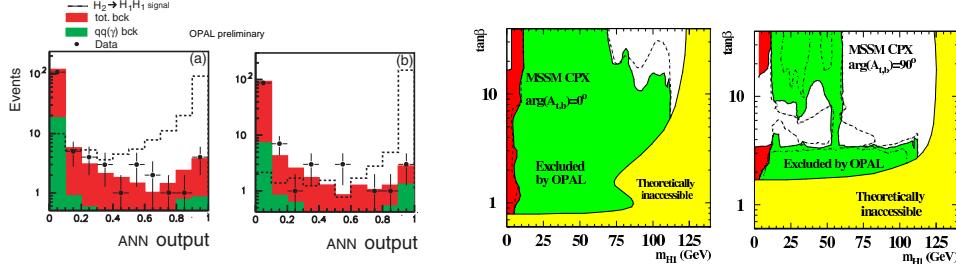


Figure 4. CP-violation models. Left: Artificial Neural Network (ANN) output distributions for the reactions  $e^+e^- \rightarrow H_2 Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}\nu\bar{\nu}$  and  $e^+e^- \rightarrow H_1 H_1 Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}\nu\bar{\nu}$  for different data sub-samples. No indication of a signal is observed. Center: mass limits with no CP-mixing. Right: mass limits with full CP-mixing.

#### 4 Invisible Higgs Boson Decays

No indication of invisibly-decaying Higgs bosons is observed. Figure 5 shows mass limits for SM and invisible Higgs boson decays combined. The results are also interpreted in a Majoron model with an extra complex singlet,  $H/S \rightarrow JJ$ , where  $J$  escapes undetected. In addition, mass limits are shown in the MSSM.

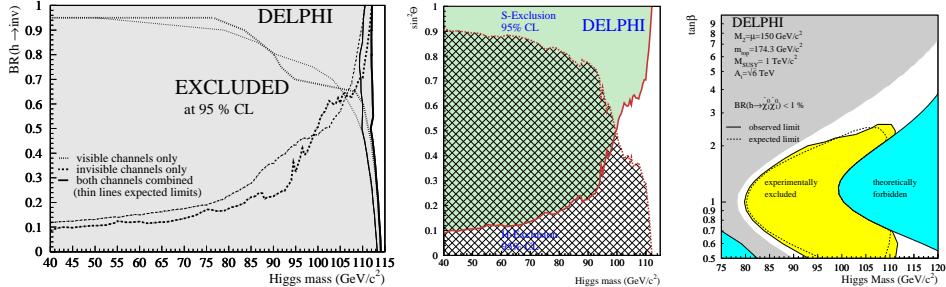


Figure 5. Left: mass limits for SM and invisible Higgs boson decays combined. Center: mass limits in Majoron models with an extra complex singlet,  $H/S \rightarrow JJ$ , where  $J$  escapes undetected. Right: mass limits in the MSSM for  $h \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ .

#### 5 Neutral Higgs Bosons in the General Two-Doublet Higgs Model

Figure 6 shows mass limits from flavor-independent and dedicated searches for  $hA$  production, and from a parameter scan. The scan combines searches with b-tagging and flavor-independent searches.

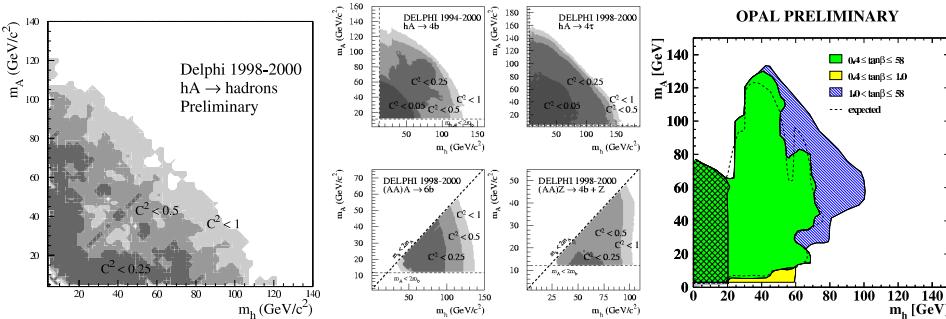


Figure 6. Two-doublet Higgs model. Left: Flavor-independent limits.  $C^2$  is the reduction factor on the maximum production cross section. Center: Limits from dedicated searches for  $hA$  production. Right: mass limits from a general parameter scan in the two-doublet Higgs model.

## 6 Yukawa Higgs Boson Processes $b\bar{b}h$ and $b\bar{b}A$

Figure 7 shows mass limits from searches for the Yukawa processes  $e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b} \rightarrow b\bar{b}h, b\bar{b}A$ .

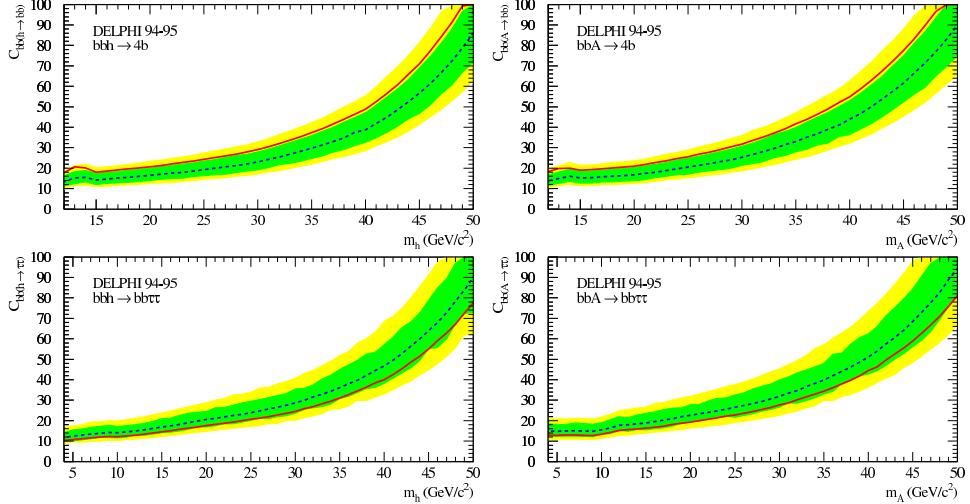


Figure 7. Observed (solid line) and expected (dotted line) mass limits from searches for the Yukawa processes  $e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b} \rightarrow b\bar{b}h, b\bar{b}A$ . The  $C$  factors include vertex enhancement factors and decay branching fractions. The  $1\sigma$  and  $2\sigma$  error bands on the expected limit for background are indicated (shaded areas).

## 7 Singly-Charged Higgs Bosons

Figure 8 shows mass limits from searches for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow H^+H^- \rightarrow c\bar{s}c\bar{s}, c\tau\nu, \tau^+\nu\tau^-\bar{\nu}$ . The decay  $H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm A$  could be dominant and limits from dedicated searches are set.

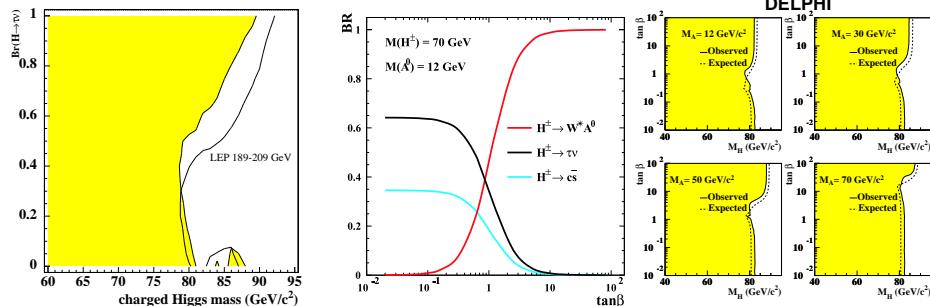


Figure 8. Left: Excluded mass region (shaded area) from searches for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow H^+H^- \rightarrow c\bar{s}c\bar{s}, c\tau\nu$  and  $\tau^+\nu\tau^-\bar{\nu}$ . The thin line shows the expected limit. Center:  $H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm A$  decays could be dominant for light  $A$  boson masses. Right: excluded mass region (shaded area) from searches for this process.

## 8 Doubly-Charged Higgs Bosons

The process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow H^{++}H^{--} \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^+\tau^-\tau^-$  can lead to decays at the primary interaction point ( $h_{\tau\tau} \geq 10^{-7}$ ) or a secondary vertex, or to stable massive particle signatures. Figure 9 shows limits on the production cross section and constraints by the forward-backward asymmetry of the process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$ .

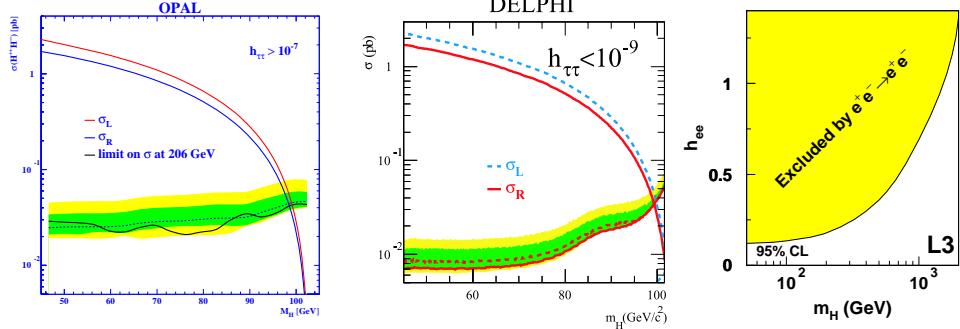


Figure 9. Left and Center: Limits on the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow H^+H^-$  production cross section as a function of the doubly-charged Higgs boson mass. The  $1\sigma$  and  $2\sigma$  error bands on the expected limit for background are indicated (shaded areas). Right:  $H^-$  limits from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$  forward-backward asymmetry.

## 9 Fermiophobic Higgs Boson Decays: $h \rightarrow WW, ZZ, \gamma\gamma$

If Higgs boson decays into fermions are suppressed,  $h \rightarrow WW, ZZ, \gamma\gamma$  decays could be dominant. Mass limits from dedicated searches are set [5].

## 10 Uniform and Stealthy Higgs Boson Scenarios

The recoiling mass of the Z boson in the reaction  $e^+e^- \rightarrow HZ$  allows to search for the Higgs boson independent of the Higgs boson decay mode. No indication of a Higgs boson signal has been observed as shown in Figs. 10. Mass limits are shown in the uniform Higgs boson model, where many uniform Higgs boson states exist in the range between  $m_A$  and  $m_B$ . Another result from the recoiling mass spectrum is shown, where a stealthy Higgs boson has a large decay width owing to extra Higgs boson singlets in the model. The decay width depends on the parameter  $\omega$ .

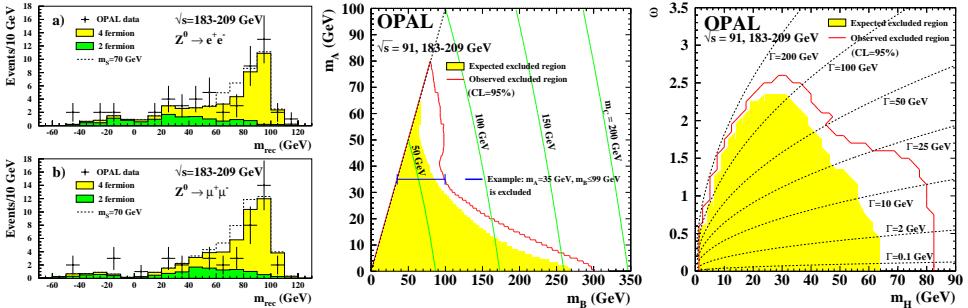


Figure 10. Left: Recoiling mass spectrum of  $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$  and  $Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ . Center: Excluded mass range in the uniform Higgs model. Right: Mass limits in the stealthy Higgs model.

## 11 Conclusions

Immense progress over a period of 15 years has been made in searches for Higgs bosons and much knowledge has been gained in preparation for new searches. No signal has been observed and various stringent limits are set as summarized in Table 1.

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Table 1. Summary of Higgs boson mass limits at 95% CL. ‘LEP’ indicates a combination of the results from ALEPH, DELPHI, L3 and OPAL. If results from the experiments are not (yet) combined, examples which represent the different research lines from individual experiments are given.

Search	Experiment	Limit
Standard Model	LEP	$m_H^{\text{SM}} > 114.4 \text{ GeV}$
Reduced rate and SM decay		$\xi^2 > 0.05 : m_H > 85 \text{ GeV}$
		$\xi^2 > 0.3 : m_H > 110 \text{ GeV}$
Reduced rate and $b\bar{b}$ decay		$\xi^2 > 0.04 : m_H > 80 \text{ GeV}$
		$\xi^2 > 0.25 : m_H > 110 \text{ GeV}$
Reduced rate and $\tau^+ \tau^-$ decay		$\xi^2 > 0.2 : m_H > 113 \text{ GeV}$
Reduced rate and hadronic decay		$\xi^2 = 1 : m_H > 112.9 \text{ GeV}$
		$\xi^2 > 0.3 : m_H > 97 \text{ GeV}$
Anomalous couplings	ALEPH	$\xi^2 > 0.04 : m_H \approx 90 \text{ GeV}$
	L3	$d, d_B, \Delta g_1^Z, \Delta \kappa_\gamma$ exclusions
MSSM (no scalar top mixing)	LEP	almost entirely excluded
General MSSM scan	DELPHI	$m_h > 87 \text{ GeV}, m_A > 90 \text{ GeV}$
Larger top-quark mass	LEP	strongly reduced $\tan \beta$ limits
CP-violating models	OPAL	strongly reduced mass limits
Visible/invisible Higgs decays	DELPHI	$m_H > 111.8 \text{ GeV}$
Majoron model (max. mixing)		$m_{H,S} > 112.1 \text{ GeV}$
Two-doublet Higgs model (for $\sigma_{\text{max}}$ )	DELPHI	$hA \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b} : m_h + m_A > 150 \text{ GeV}$ $\tau^+ \tau^- \tau^+ \tau^- : m_h + m_A > 160 \text{ GeV}$ (AA)A $\rightarrow$ 6b : $m_h + m_A > 150 \text{ GeV}$ (AA)Z $\rightarrow$ 4b Z : $m_h > 90 \text{ GeV}$ $hA \rightarrow q\bar{q}q\bar{q} : m_h + m_A > 110 \text{ GeV}$ $\tan \beta > 1 : m_h \approx m_A > 85 \text{ GeV}$
Two-doublet model scan	OPAL	
Yukawa process	DELPHI	$C > 40 : m_{h,A} > 40 \text{ GeV}$
Singly-charged Higgs bosons W $^\pm$ A decay mode	LEP	$m_{H^\pm} > 78.6 \text{ GeV}$
	DELPHI	$m_{H^\pm} > 76.7 \text{ GeV}$
Doubly-charged Higgs bosons e $^+ e^- \rightarrow e^+ e^-$	DELPHI/OPAL	$m_{H^{++}} > 99 \text{ GeV}$
	L3	$h_{ee} > 0.5 : m_{H^{++}} > 700 \text{ GeV}$
Fermiophobic H $\rightarrow$ WW, ZZ, $\gamma\gamma$ H $\rightarrow$ $\gamma\gamma$	L3	$m_H > 108.3 \text{ GeV}$
	LEP	$m_H > 109.7 \text{ GeV}$
Uniform and stealthy scenarios	OPAL	depending on model parameters

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